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In Brief

UAS teachers hired

Of the statewide teacher hires in 1999, 44 were UAS alumni according to the "1999 Statewide Educator Supply and Demand Report" for the state. Director of Alaska Teacher Placement MaryEllen LaBerge said, "Significantly, 20 (of the hires) were first-year UAS graduates."

UAS game shows

Different game shows are scheduled for Mar. 6-10 in the Maurant Cafe around noon. They will include Jeopardy, Faculty Feud, Hollywood Squares, Dating Game and more.

Contract approved

The Board of Regents unanimously approved the collective bargaining agreement with United Academics-AAUP/AFT Feb. 18, after 93 percent of union members voting ratified the three-year deal. The new contract, still subject to legislative approval, goes into effect Jan. 1 and provides 2.6 percent across the board raises, clarifies employee contributions to the cost of health benefits and streamlines the faculty evaluation process.

Grad scholarships

Four \$2,500 scholarships are available in fall 2000 to those pursuing an advanced degree in political science, public policy or a related field. Applications, available in Financial Aid, and are due by June 20.

"The Drag"

Check out the production of "The Drag," a Mae West play directed by Heather Paige. For more information call the Gold Town Nickelodeon Theater.

Important Dates

- 2/26 Polar Bear Plunge, noon at the Auke Bay boat ramp.
- 2/27 Global Connections French dinner/movie, 6 p.m., Schaible
- 3/1 Women's History Month begins, check out ad on page 4.
- 3/3 Housing scholars dinner, 7 p.m., Lake Rm.
- 3/4 Cabin fever swing dance, 9 p.m., SAC.

Spring Break is getting closer and closer, start saving your pennies!!!

Cucumbers entice students

Party at UAS Housing offers suggestions for safe sex

By Rob Carruth
Whalesong Reporter

Learning how to put on a condom at the age of 23, now that's crazy considering that I have been using condoms since I was 13. All in all the Cucumber Party last week was a chance for college students to learn more about sexually transmitted diseases and how to protect themselves from STD's.

Most of us were taught sexual education in Junior high or high school, but for those who needed refreshment it was good. Did you know that you need prescription for a diaphragm, or that pre-cum can get you pregnant, and that there are diseases that can be transmitted even when wearing a condom? Anyway, the best thing on the market to protect you and your partner from STD's and pregnancy is a condom, other than abstinence that is. So to all those women out there, make sure your sex partner is using it right. And to all you men, strap up before you take that dive. You can never be too safe when it comes to sex. Think about it, which one of us wants to die doing something so right, that feels so good, like sex. I know that I will always practice safe sex, and I think that everyone should.

The Cucumber Party was about more than just learning how to put on a condom. It was about how to protect yourself from STD's and/or unexpected pregnancies.



Photo by Rob Carruth
Dr. Shelly Theno (right) shows student the proper method of putting on a condom.

Another part of practicing safe sex is making sure that you, yourself have no STD's that could be passed on to loved one's or sexual partners; so get checked! There is a clinic here on campus, so if you have any questions or just want to be on the safe side, call 465-6457 or stop by to

make an appointment. The clinic is located in the Student Resource Center in the Novatney Building.

This is Big Daddy Luv with a public message: *Play, but play safe. Drink the milk, but if it turns out to be sour, don't have sex, unless you're having safe sex.*

Chancellor Lind adjusting to UAF

By Chris Flanagan
Whalesong Reporter

In August, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks welcomed Marshall Lind as its new chancellor. Our loss may be Fairbanks' gain, but in the larger scheme, Lind's move upstate is a coup for the system at large. Chancellor Lind is not stepping into this job cold; he knows this university system as few do.

His 12 years as chancellor at UAS were prodigious and creative ones. Chancellor Lind grew this institution at a pace unmatched by any of his predecessors.

During his tenure we saw Juneau, Ketchikan, and Sitka merge as the University of Alaska Southeast, we saw the transformation of the Maurant Building to a dedicated Student Center, the raising of the 84-bed Banfield Hall, new programs in Environmental Science, Marine Biology, English (The Breadloaf School), Public Management, and Icefield Research, and we saw the dedication of Egan Library, one of the most beautiful academic libraries in the country.

While guiding UAS, Chancellor Lind transcended expectations, leaving this campus a finer place for his presence. "Those were very busy, very hectic years for me." Said Lind, in town recently for the Board of Regents' meeting.

Upon taking the helm at UAF this

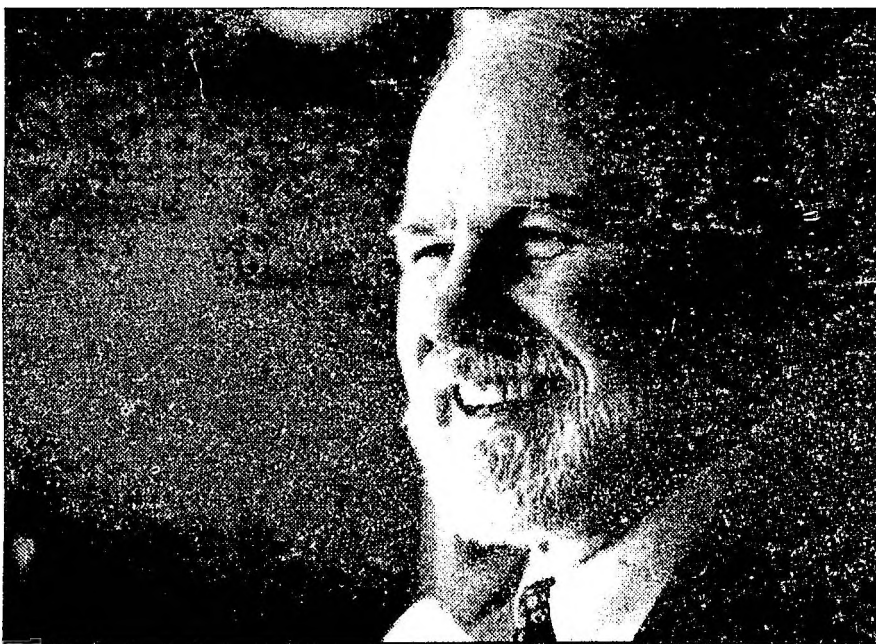


Photo by Scott Foster
Chancellor Marshall Lind, formerly of Juneau.

Fall, Chancellor Lind was faced with not a few immediate challenges; one was to stem an endemic decline in enrollment at UAF, others included preparing UAF for accreditation, filling empty staff and support positions, and to replace several faculty positions left open by a number of recent retirements.

An edge Lind may bring to the chancellors' office would be the fact that he has worked all over Alaska and can boast numerous contacts within the state system and the Education profession at large.

"I've always respected the program at UAF," said Lind. "There's a lot of talent up there." And there is a lot of research going on up there-to compliment that talent.

At UAF Lind is overseeing a research

university that includes a rocket test facility of critical importance to the military, the Poker Flats Research Range. Additionally UAF research facilities include the Seward Marine Center, the cutting edge research at the Geophysical Institute, and the Institute of Arctic Biology Large Animal Research Station which studies musk oxen, caribou and reindeer just blocks away from the main campus.

When asked what the difference was between overseeing a research institution and a teaching institution, Lind said, "It's always busy, and sometimes chaotic, but I have a house on campus and that helps

getting to functions back to back." At UAF we combine research and teaching. A large part of the salaries and work being done is grant funded." Lind explains the difference in scale between UAF and UAS saying, "We're talking about big money, in the neighborhood of \$60 million. To put it into perspective, the whole appropriation for Southeast is around \$20 million. But it's all exciting stuff. It's research that can change the world. This is world class science, things important to the country, like the climate research. If the climate's changing, we may be among the first to know. The climatologists and meteorologists at the Geophysical Institute are measuring the Arctic ice shelf and the permafrost. This is research that can only be done here. The

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Read this damn editorial.....

By Marla Booth
Whalesong Reporter

From the perspective of a winsome eyed, "non-traditional" transfer student. The UAS Juneau Campus ROCKS! To be fair, I'll let you know up front that I am transferring from a campus that had a total of three buildings. The classes were only about 8-10 students large and there was no real housing to speak of. I am originally from Ketchikan. With that aside I will also say that in the absence of people's interesting personalities and great attitudes, the Juneau campus would have received a less glorified evaluation from me.

The night I arrived was breathtakingly clear and the temperature was below freezing. I took a cab from the airport with a cool, scraggly looking guy who proceeded to yak my ears off and point out every building, road and landmark along the way (this later proved to be extremely helpful). He also managed to share some stories about drunken people urinating in the cabs. I tried not to look concerned as I felt the "non-waterproof" fabric underneath me. I ended up tipping him an additional two bucks-figuring his attitude and personality more than made up for the outrageous \$11 it took to get me there. Not to mention, the fact that his cab did NOT reek of alcohol and/or bodily secretions. He left me grinning in front of the housing lodge.

I quit grinning when I had to drag my suitcase up the stairs that loomed in front of me. A friendly face greeted me at the

desk and as soon as I introduced myself and told her what I knew, she started handing me paperwork to fill out, a key and some directions to my apartment. Enticed, I trudged out to find my new living domicile.

After a five-minute bout with the key in my supposed door (in the below freezing climate) some nice guy from the same building came over to try and help. He said, "They must have given you the wrong key," and then returned to his apartment. So, on that beautifully cold night, I lugged my suitcase back and forth between the lodge and the different buildings for what seemed like a 101 times. Finally, after meeting the friendliest CA and sharing in some friendly banter, it was discovered that I had been switched about between buildings and rooms, but it hadn't been switched on all of the paperwork. I decided to let this all slide...why you ask? Well, because there were some smiling, nice and friendly people in my new neighborhood.

When I had settled into my new living space I decided to check out the rest of the apartment. My new roomies had not returned from the winter break yet, so I scoped out the situation. Right away I could tell they were relatively clean, which is always a plus in commune style living. The shower was a bit sketchy, but I figured I could cope, who needs showers all the time anyway? When I reached the bathroom, I could tell right away that this was going to be an interesting experience. There were

two forms hanging on the wall that recorded daily bowel movements. Hmmm, I thought to myself. Down in the living room was the infamous campus housing "WALL OF SHAME" and the pictures on that wall definitely achieved qualifications for being where they were. I decided then and there that I was gonna do my utmost to stay off that wall for once in my life! After all, I knew I was probably going to be the oldest member of the group (had to set an example, ya know). I was certain that I would like my new roommates because they were creative, tidy and unique from what I could tell then (they've since proved me right and then some!)

The following day I went to an orientation designed for transferring students, which is where I learned that I was a "non-traditional" student. This title tickles me silly! I don't know why it hits me this way, it just does. Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that I think the way I went about this whole education thing was the right way. Therefore, everyone should do it my way, which in turn would make everyone else the "non-traditional" students. If I were to elaborate I would have to go into all the sordid details of my life and while I know most of you want to hear all about it you'll just have to wait and buy the book! But in all actuality the really alluring quality to the title is the idea of being outside the norm, irregular, a deviant of sorts. This highly appeals to me as I have

somewhat of a large ego that enjoys the spotlight as long as it is something I am good at and I know with my heart of hearts that I can be a great "non-traditional" student. But, I digress...let me get back to the subject at hand.

The interesting personalities and great attitudes are abundant throughout the university. The gracious attendants at records and registration as well as the bookstore were extremely helpful and no matter how annoying I got with questions, changing schedules, returning books and other hullabaloo they never lost the charming qualities that probably got them the job in the first place. Pat the cook with his teasing demeanor and friendly nature, made my novice visits to the cafeteria a treat (although the prices...now that's another story).

I know what you're thinking..."Who is the brown noser here?" That's what I was just thinking when I re-read what I have written, which got me thinkin'...Maybe it's the combination of my fabulous personality and attitude with others that makes this such a great place, better still maybe it's just MY outlook...Yeah, that's it! I ROCK! Oops, there goes that ego thing...I think I should ponder on this a bit more and maybe then I can think of a good way to end this damn editorial! Until then, I'll leave you to consider the words of Oscar Wilde, "All of us are in the gutter, but some of us are looking up at the stars!"

Where is the Whalesong?

If you are wondering why the Whalesong has laid dormant for an extra week, don't fear faithful readers, there has been personal conflicts and problems that have all accumulated in the same small period of time that forced me to delay the printing for a week. No, the Whalesong didn't go bankrupt and we haven't been shut down for politically subversive activities or unethical behavior. There were events and personal issues within my life that don't really need to be discussed in the paper. I just want to apologize for getting this issue out a little late, and will do my best at continuing the mission of, "reflect[ing] the broad diversification of students and their opinions" as the Student Government puts it. And I hope the tides of adversity will mellow out for a while so we as a staff can concentrate on our duty of public enlightenment and journalistic entertainment.

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Technological Espionage

Dear College Newspaper Editor:

As people are certainly becoming aware, enormous innovations are occurring in technology. There truly is something of a technological revolution occurring in the country and the world.

However, what I do not suspect people fully realize is that the same is true with regard to technological innovations useful for espionage purposes. It is my view that world espionage organizations now have technological capabilities that allow them to demonstrate more power in influencing the affairs of societies than ever before in history.

All the secret satellites regularly being sent up into space likely allow world espionage organizations increased powers to control societies. I suspect many of the technologies present on these satellites would shock people with regard to how powerful they are influencing events on earth.

One technology I believe is currently present is a technology called, "Mind Control Technology." I believe this technology is now developed to such a degree that the CIA and other world espionage organizations can influence the thought processes in peoples' minds. Consequently, I suspect these organizations can dramatically influence the outcomes of elections in supposedly free democratic societies.

I feel the public should be made more aware of these possibilities. It seems that the United State's news providing industries have been unusually silent with regard to reporting on the state-of-the-art technological capabilities of espionage organizations. I also suspect it is no longer safe to watch television or listen to the radio without risking being unknowingly influenced in views and attitudes.

Sincerely,
Joe Kinney

New Senators offer a fresh outlook

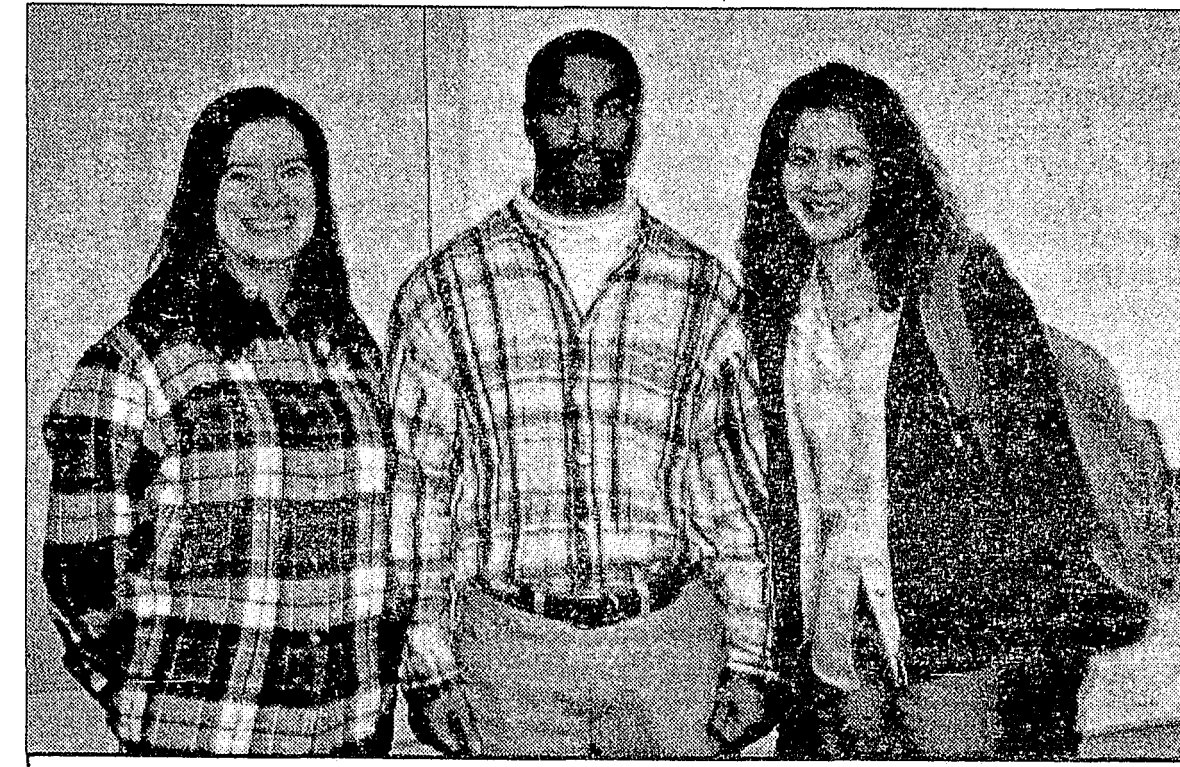
By Marla Booth
Whalesong Reporter

With six positions open in the student body senate, five of them have been filled after a special election held on Feb. 8-9. They will be joining Kean Nuttall, student body president, Tia Anderson, student body vice-president and Suzan Bryson, senator protomptore (head of the senate). These three moved up by succession to make up for the absence of Rosie Gilbert who left to spend a semester in Austria.

The newly elected senators include Joshua Reyes (75 votes), Lori Oldacres (74 votes), Kathryn Currit (67 votes), Amber Lee (86 votes) and Amber Timothy (71 votes).

Two of the six seats that were available opened up when Levi Russel moved out of town and Roger Jacobson resigned in order to concentrate more attention to pursuing his degree. The other three seats were opened when former members failed to maintain the 2.5 GPA required by the constitution to stay in the senate. The sixth senator position will remain vacant until regular elections in the fall of 2000.

Mindy Montag who tallied in at 12 votes received the most write in votes, but constitutional bylaws state that 20 votes are required to be elected to the senate. Out of 1,834 students only 110 voted. Some of the more interesting names that were written in include, Collette "the singing



Student Senators (from left to right) Lori Oldacres, Josh Reyes and Kathryn Currit. Photo by Marla Booth

kitchen cook," Puddin' Tame, Spike and, of course, Mickey Mouse. Montag, if interested, can run for student senate officially in September, as two of the senator positions will again be open, as well as, the president and vice-president positions.

On Friday, Feb. 11, the senate, with their newly elected members held their first meeting. While the new senators were adjusting to their new roles, the experienced members of the senate as well as Tish

Griffin, student body senate advisor, guided them through the meeting. Some of the topics discussed in prior business ranged from opportunities for secondary specialized studies (minor) at UAS-Juneau to synchronizing the campus clocks with satellite time. Also, a lively discussion about whether or not to help fund "The Drag" a possibly controversial play that is being presented and performed by some local students was debated at length. This

issue was added to unfinished business until further information could be exchanged. The new members mostly remained observant because during old business, Griffin instructed the recently appointed senators, that they "had a voice, but no vote."

Soon after the five senators were sworn into office and their vote counted, the group proceeded on to new business. Among the new issues addressed was the meeting time of student government. As it stands now, the student government meets every other Friday, at 1 p.m. in the Mourant conference room. Due to conflicting schedules this time will most likely be changed, but new days and times will be posted at least a week in advance.

As the meeting came to an end, Nuttall, wanted to stress the fact that the meetings are open to all students and comments, suggestions and input are welcome. Also, it should be noted that the committees formed by members of the student senate are not closed to members only. All students interested in sitting on a committee should visit the student government office in the Mourant Building. The committees that any student can become involved with are: Rules, Academic Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Activities, Public Relations and Club Liaisons. If you have any other questions, please contact the Student Government office in the Mourant Building at 465-6517.

Now you can swap for your favorite legislator

Jefferson Bones
Insider

There was a time when America held herself to a higher standard. The importance we placed upon education, and health and human welfare, grew a civilization the rest of the world envied. Were are we headed now?

As a culture, have our values drifted into the shallow end of the pool? Has anyone thought much about how our society has become mired in what social? Critics call the cult of celebrity? As a culture, we speciously worship the position Of celebrity. As a culture, more and more we fantasize of, or even aspire to status and celebrity.

And what happens to the stardom of the nation while the people Dream? The answer seems to be, that legislators bolstered by the inattention, freed of the checks and oversight of the people, cut those things that bind our civilization, anything relating to education or health and human welfare. Then hoton the heels of such a trend, we hear the cries "oh lord why, why does society seem to be in a cultural decline?"

So as we watch legislatures minimize the support given education, health and human welfare, there are at least three facts we can take towards changing this trend. One, is to take the responsibility to inform ourselves. The second is to throw out the insensitive, cut-happy, republican legislators, and a third is (pucker up!) outright flattery. Remember the wisdom of Vito Corleone, "keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."

There is a mix of all these issues and more, involved in the topical and somewhat creative idea attributed to U of A student Joe Hardenbrook to issue Legislative Trading Cards. Hardenbrook is Government Relations director for the University of Alaska Coalition of Student Leaders. It's a provocative idea, but it's purpose is a little unclear. With the state legislature time and again denying the university funds needed to maintain programs and remain competitive with other universities and colleges, a resourceful contingent of University of Alaska students borrowed an idea from the Topps play book: offering 2.5 by 3.5-inch baseball-style cards featuring the state's 40 representatives and 20 senators. The cards feature a black and white portrait of the legislator on the front, and some of their personal and legislative stats listed on the back. In an article in the Anchorage Daily News, Regent Elsa Demeksa of Juneau commented, "We thought it was very entertaining. I think they're ingenious. It's a lighthearted way of getting the students' message out. If that doesn't touch the Legislature, we don't know what will."

And that does get to heart of the matter doesn't it? Can it serve the purpose of currying some empathy and consideration with the legislature? Can it Cultivate an informed electorate, even if it's an extremely dumbed down manner of teaching civic responsibility. Though we hope the answer to both questions would be a resounding "YES", we may be spinning our wheels. It turns out; the cards weren't for students, the electorate, or the general Public. They were handed out to the legislators themselves, a

library or two, and few other remotecorners of Alaska. So it comes down to naked flattery aimed at legislators who by all accounts could care less about Alaska

education. I'm confused. Is flattery the high road, or the low road? Will they vote to support Alaskan education by virtue of flattery and trinkets? Doubtful.

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Who's got the Whiskey? Check out this site

By Rob Carruth
Whalesong Reporter

I have to give a hand to the Student Activity Center for getting people to show up to a dance on such short notice, if it weren't for them we wouldn't have had a one. There were about 50 students who attended the dance last Friday, Feb. 11. This is probably a record for a UAS dance, at least in this millennium. For the most part, the DJ tried to play 70's music, but quickly realized that nobody was dancing to it, so he mixed in a lot of the new top 40 hits. Even though I love to dance, I found myself with a pool stick in my hand and thinking of the closest place I could get Alaskan Amber on tap.

I'm glad that all the dances are going to be held at the SAC, that way if the DJ sucks there is more to do than just sit against a wall. The pool tables were the most active thing going on at the dance. Don't get me wrong there were people on the floor dancing, just not that many worth dancing with. Maybe if I had shown up to the dance half lit or high, I would have enjoyed it more. I met up with a couple of people who were pretty drunk and they seemed to be having a great time. They were dancing like "drunk monkeys" and didn't have a care in the world. Now that's the way we all should have showed up to that "70's Dance".

If I were to rate this dance on a scale of 1-10, I would have to place it just above

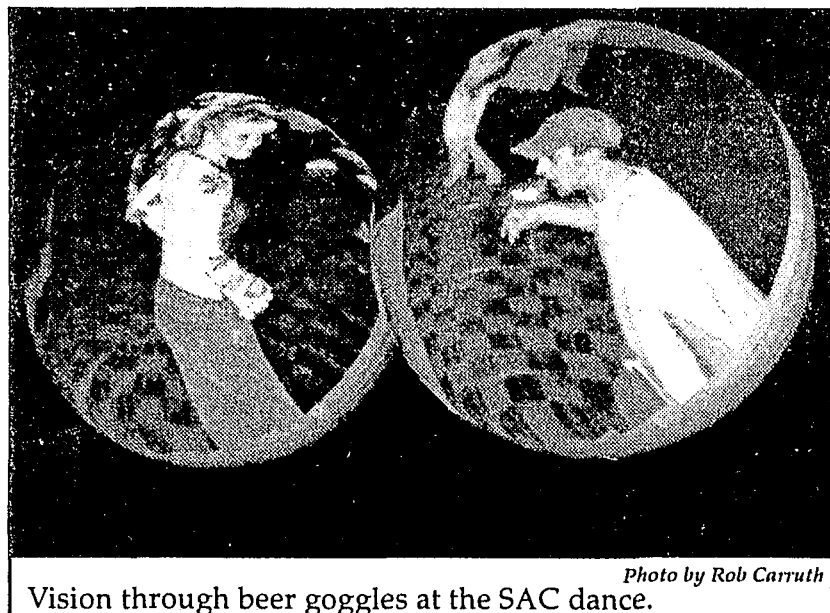


Photo by Rob Carruth
Vision through beer goggles at the SAC dance.

my high school dances, at a seven. The rate of seven because of all the extra activities such as the people making out on the couches, the massive cigarette breaks, which consisted of more than half of the people at the dance, and one of the best games of pool I have ever played. The SAC plans on having a dance every month, I hope in the future that more people show up, and that the music stays within our generation. The whole 70's music doesn't fly so well when the majority of the students were born in the late 70's and early 80's and can't relate to the music.

To sum it all up: the dance came on short notice, had a bad theme, and really sucked for the average sober person. Next time I'll remember to drink a bottle of Canadian Club Whiskey and bring my own women.

This is Big Daddy Luv's Review for the people who can't say what's really going on, but just agree and smile.

By Jefferson Bones

Insider

I for one, have found that the vast majority of websites targeting college age humans to be either sophomoric marketing vehicles, or indoctrination to a fear-filled adults' view of the world. They're usually more concerned with what they can sell you; be it religion, be it fear of something or other, or make-up, cars, or shoes. They tend to talk down to the young adult cyber-traveler with middle-school speak, of adolescent concerns and insecurities.

With all the buzzwords like "empowerment" etc...they would never have young people know, that one never really loses those insecurities, we just learn to manage them in some adequate fashion.

Well there's a new player in town, KODAB.COM. This is a website conceived and designed by a trio of college geeks in New Jersey. While majoring in Computer Science and drinking, they complained to each other about the adolescent tone of all the college age websites out there in cyber space. This they reasoned, was a gaping hole in the vast E-highway known as the Internet. While they waited for the summer break they brainstormed, and researched this cyber-vacuum investigating the feasibility of throwing together just such a website. Working out of a basement, drinking tepid lemonade mix and feeding

exclusively upon 7-11 chili dogs, they hacked away 18 hours a day. Very soon they realized the goal of this college-age website was quite attainable. By summer's end the site was up and running...and college was a distant memory. They had successfully thrown their hat into the .com ring.

KODAB Director of Marketing Josh Levy, one of the original three, describes the collective intention at KODAB.COM very simply, "our goal is to produce a hysterically funny site that college students could relate to. We wanted a site written for a mature college student. A site that's enjoyable, provocative and stimulating to both male and female students."

They don't claim to have designed the end-all-be-all of

websites, but they do believe they have built a solid foundation for future construction and expansion within the market. They've grown to a point now, where they employ their own web designers, writers, and editors. They've employed over 150 Freelance writers, and are constantly taking submissions by students just like you. And they pay!

Their on-line magazine is named DANK. And it is something to see. They are a useable clearinghouse for internship opportunities, and student exchange opportunities. There are humor columns, editorials, political coverage and research resources, as well as music news etc. Log on and check it out.



Is the meal plan fair?

By Tyler Bishop
Whalesong Reporter

Damn! \$985 is the minimum amount that Banfield Hall residents pay for their meal plan. Did I mention that it's non-refundable? This is not an optional plan but it is required. And for freshman who would like to avoid this and stay in the apartments, no can do. Freshmen are not allowed to stay in housing apartments even though some of the apartments are empty.

Since we're paying all this money don't you at least think that the cafeteria should be open on weekends? They want us to get all our food from the cafeteria so we don't have to cook for ourselves, but we starve on the weekends. They saw this as a problem and decided to see if they could help. They decided that we could use our meal plan cards in the lodge. Sounds good to me but there's a catch. Since food in the lodge is much cheaper than that of the cafeteria, prices in the lodge are going to go up. That's fine by me because I have \$985 dollars that I need to spend before semesters over, but the students in the apartments are the ones who are going to pay.

Many of the items in the Mourant cafeteria are overpriced. For example if you want to buy a gallon of milk it's going to cost you \$8. Since a quart of milk is \$2 and that's the largest size they offer. Or how about a bottle of water for \$1.30 in the smallest size, but you can get the next size up which is about twice as big for a quarter more. For juice you pay a \$1.40 in the cafeteria but if you walk a building down you can get it for a \$1.25 out of the vending machine, and same goes for potato chips. In the cafeteria they're \$1 in the vending machine they're only 50 cents.

So why is this food so expensive? Here's what I found out. The Mourant cafeteria is self-supporting, meaning the university does not cover any of the costs associated with it. It must make its own money and this can be difficult with the policies that exist. The cafeteria pays \$7.75 and hour for part time employees and pays anywhere from \$10-\$12 for full time employees plus benefits. This is state wide university policy. From a business perspective this hurts the cafeteria. Another problem that arose this year was the occupancy of Banfield Hall. Since Banfield Hall is only at one half of its occupancy, that means the cafeteria losses out on about \$40,000 it could have charged freshman. A few ideas that Director of Student Activities and Housing, Tish Griffin is considering to make Banfield Hall more appealing is, free tier II cable, free phone, and last but not least free laundry. This is expected to raise the occupancy of Banfield Hell. Another idea is to impose a \$250-\$300 meal plan for people living in the apartments. If all this works out we might see a slight change in food costs for next year. Who knows how much the prices may rise?

What can be done about this problem? Should we rise up against the powers that be? Burning and looting is a far cry from resolution. There needs to be a sensible compromise between students and auxiliary services management. This is probably one of the biggest student related issues on campus right now, an issue that needs to be resolved relatively soon to make student living a little more pleasant and affordable.

American dreams

German student achieving goals at UAS

By Cindy Triebel
Whalesong Reporter

Freshman, Liberal Arts major, Sina Mertens sets a goal for herself and finds a way to meet it. Like the time she wanted to do one year of high school in America. Sina's folks told her it was way too expensive, that she should try for a scholarship. "If you get a scholarship you can go, if not, you won't go." Sina's folks told her. "So that's what I did. I got a scholarship and went," Mertens said.

Mertens completed one year of high school in Massachusetts where she was able to use and improve the English she had been learning since the seventh grade in Germany. Mertens is a strong believer in the theory that you learn a nation's language best when you live there and really get to know the people.

Born and raised in Duisburg, Germany home of the largest inland harbor in Europe, Mertens has always wanted to visit Alaska. Mertens has friends in Chicago, "A big city and a nice city, but; after all, Chicago is just a city like any other city in the world. I grew up in a big city. So, I wanted to stay away from mainstream America, go somewhere really different," said Mertens.

Mertens thought a good way to satisfy her wanderlust and continue her education would be to go to school in Alaska. She logged onto the Internet and began shopping for a university. UAS seemed to fit Mertens' needs best and the outdoor recreation possibilities appealed to her the most. Mertens applied and was accepted. This way she could get to know Alaska really well, instead of taking pictures from the deck of a cruise ship and sailing home, which is not her idea of experiencing a place. A job working with dog teams on the ice fields fell through because of the terms of her visa. Her visa lasts only as long as she goes to school. After one year, Mertens will be allowed to take certain jobs related

to her major.

Mertens would like to work, maybe next year in the Fairbanks and Anchorage areas, so that she can see more of Alaska. Unless Mertens can find a sponsor, it looks like she will be going back to Germany for



Photo by Cindy Triebel
German exchange student Sina Mertens graciously poses for the Whalesong.

the summer break and returning for the Fall semester.

"I really like it here. The people are relaxed, easy-going and helpful. I only came for a year, but now I'm going to stay and get my degree. After that, a master's degree in anthropology or journalism. I haven't got it all quite figured out yet, but it will be in that direction," Mertens said.

Judging from her success at reaching previous goals, Mertens is headed in the right direction. She is the sort of person who determines a destination and has the time of her life getting there.

Tuition on the rise

By Wilson Walz
Whalesong Production Manager

The University of Alaska is planning a tuition raise of 3.2 percent in the near future, if approved by the Board of Regents. The increase is equal to the rate of inflation and will be implemented during the summer of 2001. At this time last year, the Board said that it would set tuition a year in advance to enable students more time to plan their personal expenditures.

In accord with the action taken last year, this summer lower division tuition will increase from \$75 per credit to \$77, upper from \$84 to \$87, graduate from \$167 to \$172; and the nonresident surcharge from \$159 to \$164. The difference in undergraduate and graduate tuition is attributed to an increase in salary for professors and instructors. If the Regents take no action by this month, next year's

tuition rates will increase again by \$2 per credit hour.

The Coalition of Student Leaders has gone on record in opposition to any tuition increase. Students have mixed emotions on this issue. "Prospects, brilliant; situation, desperate as usual," said Student Regent Josh Horst.

President Mark Hamilton said he has serious concerns about the large number of course fees that are charged to students each semester. Over the next year, Hamilton and the UA chancellors will review the types of fees charged, the processes established for review and approval of such fees.

In many ways, the University of Alaska is in the hands of the students. By speaking to their local legislatures the University of Alaska can only prosper. With the student body voice, UA can alter the state's path in the present and in the future.

Student Government Profile

UAS Vice President Tia Anderson



What are your main objectives as a student body leader?

What is most important to me as a student leader is to bring our University and the Juneau community working together and understanding each other better. I would like to see the University supporting the Juneau community through voluntary service and the community supporting the university through increased student discounts and support for the \$6.9 million the University of Alaska needs to support its programs and stay afloat. This support on both sides will be beneficial in the long run for the state of Alaska.

In your opinion, what are the main campus issues/concerns for students and how do you plan to address them?

There are so many things going on here at the Juneau campus. One exciting issue is that the Chapel by the Lake finally leased the lower parking lot to UAS so we can legally pave that lot. We have to push this issue through, especially since both Bob Green and Bob Etheridge key leaders of the Physical Plant, have recently announced their retirement. Another big issue is the Curriculum Steering Committee and their decision on having minors at UAS: what they will be and when they will be initiated.

As a student leader, what is the most difficult part of your job?

One of the most difficult aspects of my job is making decisions that affect other people. Since this is a core aspect of my job as Student Body Vice President, it makes my job a tough one. There are constantly issues that are brought to my attention by students. While I listen to what students have to say and what they want, I also have to speak with the administration to see what is feasible. This is where I get additional information that makes it even harder to decide what to do. There are often University policies or financial difficulties that prevent certain things from happening the way it seems it should. Being the mediator while still maintaining my personal integrity is a frustrating job!

What are your long-term goals for student government?

I am considering running for Student Body President for next year, so my long-term goals span out over the next year and a half. Suzan Bryson and I are working on a Student Government Web Page. I would like to see such things as an on-line book swap to make buying textbooks cheaper for students, as well as scholarship links and ways to contact your local, statewide, and national governments. I would like to see phones in each room in Banfield Hall at Housing. There is also an internet voting initiative through Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer being discussed presently, which could also be used by UAS so students could vote for school elections as well as state ones on the internet.

What is your most worthwhile accomplishment since becoming a student government leader?

For a year now, I have had the opportunity to serve the student body here at UAS. In a way, my most worthwhile accomplishment is learning about the governance system here and in Alaska so I can begin to better serve students by being informed. As a more concrete and tangible answer however, I think being involved in the decision to spend \$10,000 (only a part of the cost) on the climbing wall at the Student Activities Center has been one of the best things I could have been involved in. The Wall will be here for many years and through several generations. It is a quality Wall that will last and I am proud of it. Go to the SAC and check it out!

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FRI, MARCH 10 • 12:00-1:00
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FRI, MARCH 24 • 12:00-1:00
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WED, MARCH 29 • 12:00-1:30
Women Artists in Alaska
Library 105. Presentation and discussion with Anchorage artist Wanda Seamer.

FRI, MARCH 31 • 12:00-1:00
Roles of Women in Alaskan Native Cultures
Lake Room. Roundtable discussion with Patti Anderson, Iva George, Rosie Wort, and Mary Kasper.

WED, MARCH 22 • 12:00-1:30
Gendered Media
Lake Room. Presentation and discussion with Sue Koester and her Gendered Interpersonal Communications class.

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LIND....

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super computers they're using are state of the art."

While Marshall Lind's fortune has drawn him north, his ties to the Juneau community remain strong. He maintains a house in Juneau, and remains an interested and concerned member of the Juneau community. Lind said "I love the waters down there, the fog and mist on the waters, the hidden bays and inlets, there's no place like it on earth."

He left behind many things dear to his heart. Not the least of which is the Notka, a large vessel in which Marshall loves to cruise the inside waters, when free time and the need to escape conspire to allow the opportunity. So, Lind will surely be back, and the inside waters will be waiting.

Ask Dr. Love

For he knows all about romance

Dear Dr. Love
What is the best form of birth control?

No not the rhythm method, like many of you thinks. Condoms work all right but have a tendency to break, or at least the ones that the University gives away do. If you're going to use a condom make sure it's a Trojan or a Magnum. The best form of birth control is abstinence.

Dear Dr. Love
My cat watches my boyfriend and I have sex. Is there anything wrong with this?

Is your cat joining in, because bestiality is wrong. More than likely your cat is just curious to what you're doing. Give the cat a good show and don't worry about it.

Dear Dr. Love
Now that I know that masturbation is not wrong. Is it possible to masturbate too much?

Exactly what is too much, 3 times a day, 4 times a day. That's a little too much. The more you masturbate the more horny you get. Give yourself a break and try to get laid once in a while and give your jeans a break (and I don't mean your Levi's).

Dear Dr. Love
Every time I bring a girl to my apartment my roommate makes unwanted sexual advancements. One time he went as far as to trap a girl in the corner and make her kiss him. Another time he hid her shoes in his room. Should I kick his ass or forget about it?

Kick his ass. Another idea that might help is order him the new and improved deluxe model of Chris the blow up doll with real life-size parts. This might help in venting some of his sexual frustrations, and at least he will get laid for once.

Dear Dr. Love
I really like this girl but every time we have sex she doesn't want me to use a condom. I tell her she's crazy. Why would she want to do it without one, is she trying to get pregnant, or maybe give me some kind of disease, or does it just feel better?

Most girls don't want to get pregnant, so I don't think it's that. If she's trying to give you a disease you better watch out (down below) and go get tested. It probably just feels good to her, the latex may irritate her skin making sex painful. Try using a sheep skin condom.

Dear Dr. Love
I have urges to play with my food (if you know what I mean). Can I get an infection or STD through food?

I have heard that Lima beans, cucumbers, carrots and even apple pie can have harsh side effects.

Quote
"Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all."
-St. Augustine

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Human Rights Watch

Book Review By Chris Flanagan

Weschler, Lawrence CALAMITIES OF EXILE, Chicago, University of Chicago Press 1998.

"I was awakened in my hotel room by a terrible wooshing noise. I rushed to my balcony, and there below me—I was above them—two Iranian jet fighters went zooming down the avenue on what must have been their first revenge flights...Hussein had launched his invasion of Iran during the night."

Morning of September 23rd, 1980.

Journalist, author, and lecturer, Lawrence Weschler offers some keen and Poignant insight regarding the complicated issues faced by three basically Decent individuals, an Iraqi architect, an Afrikaner poet, and a Czech social Activist, each of whom-tries-to do "the right thing" with regard to the Totalitarian Regime holding sway over their homeland. In trying to do the right thing, the thing we might do ourselves were we courageous enough, each is flummoxed at every turn. They fought the law, and the law...Were they defeated? Did they fail? This gritty on-the-ground account of Truly realistic civil activism and disobedience provides many revelations, Not the least of which being, defeat is in the eye of the beholder. Recommended To The revolutionary chic who THINK they know something about human Rights because of that Amnesty International meeting they attended.

Winterfest 2000

FEBRUARY 21-26

I took the Plunge!

Monday 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast, Mourtant Café, All You Can Eat \$5	Wednesday 1:30-2:30 Winter Volleyball, Mourtant Courtyard	Friday 11:30-1 Avalanche Awareness Video & Slideshow w/ Bill Glude (director of the SE AK Avalanche Center), Lake Room	Saturday 12 pm Polar Bear Plunge, Auke Bay Dock (T-shirts for Plungers)
Tuesday 12 pm Outdoor Winter Bowling, Mourtant Courtyard	Thursday 12-1 Eskimo Olympics demonstration with past competitors Ricardo Worl and Skylar Mazon, Lake Room	Saturday 1 pm Plunge BBQ and Climbing Wall demonstrations, SAC	
5-7 pm New Climbers Wall Orientation, SAC	5-7 pm New Climbers Wall Orientation, SAC	1-3 pm Glacier Flightseeing, Sign up at Student Activities Office \$25 w/ID. 15 seats available (\$110 value)	
7 pm Experienced Climbers Wall Orientation, SAC	7 pm WINTER MOVIE NITE, Housing Lodge	4-9 UAS Eaglecrest Ski Night, \$5 night life tickets w/ID, half price dinner w/ID	
7 pm Fire and Ice Bonfire, Hendrickson Parking Lot		5 pm Beginner Ski lessons Meet at Eaglecrest Lodge	
7 pm Ski Tuning Clinic, SAC		6 pm Snowboarding Tips Meet at Eaglecrest Lodge	

Movie Review The Beach

By Eric Morrison

Everyone has had a special place in their life that has brought them the bliss of inner peace. Whether or not those sacred places were shared with anyone, is a question that only the sole proprietor of each individually majestic kingdom can answer. *The Beach* starring Leonardo DiCaprio, is a story of a magical place that sparks the imagination and curiosity of travelers who hear of the mythical, forbidden beach that is hidden from the world.

The Beach starts off with the main character Richard, arriving in Bangkok Thailand, on a quest of a rite of passage. He is not looking for anything in particular, just an adventure that doesn't provide the everyday comforts of the Western world. Upon arrival he finds himself drinking snake blood, posting up in a shanty hotel, infatuated by a beautiful French girl, and smoking a joint with a crazy Brit by the name of Daffy.

The movie's plot rises as Richard travels with his infatuation and her boyfriend in search of the prohibited island on which "The Beach" resides. After a long swim, an escape from a heavily guarded marijuana field, and a jump off of a waterfall, the three travelers find themselves immersed in a self sufficient community, overlooking the epic beach.

After the three make it to the beach, the story twists and turns the viewer's mind, stomach and imagination. The story presents the question, what price must be paid to retain the natural beauty of an extraordinarily unique place? The film offers ideas to this question, but creates a piece of art that instills the question so deep in the viewer's mind that you can really only come up with one vague answer, a great price must be paid.

All in all, the film was spectacular. It was created with magnificent special effects, an extraordinary plot, great acting, amazing cinematography, and a universal moral; respect and preserve the beauty of this fragile world. If you want to see a world class movie and don't mind subliminal sex footage, massive amounts of drug references and indulgence, inhumane acts committed, as well as the beauty and the wretchedness of life gift wrapped in a two hour presentation, *The Beach* is well worth the regularly overpriced admission of your local cinema.

Review 2

By Wilson Walz

Blah, blah, blah...Eric shmeric. If you want a realistic and fresh point of view, then you will appreciate this. If you have an OPEN mind then read on (*C.H.R.I.S.T.S.*). If not, then pullout now!

Leo, being the terrible actor that he is, did well in this role. That isn't saying much though, with this type of script I could have handled his role with ease. I enjoyed this movie, and you can probably figure out why (refer to equation). Damn there are some fine "ss women in this film, particularly the French hotty, Francoise who is played by Virginie Ledoyen. "Want to touch the hiney!" Not to give away the movie, but Leo gets lucky. Not only with Frenchy, but a slew of Island Nymphs share his bed. What a lucky bass turd! I haven't seen beautiful tan bodies in over a month, since my Miami Millennium excursion. This movie helped to remind me of what the sun and beach can do to one's libido. So bring a date, and make a hotel reservation for some post cinematic exertion.

If you enjoy viewing hot bikini clad vixens and studs, (other than on the Internet) catch this flick. It is action packed and has excellent graphics. If anything, it will help to entice you to travel out of this ice hole. It offers something for most adults, at least on a physical side...See ya at the movies!

BOXING PINK

Gloves of red, dancing legs,
Boxing a monkey, with two heads,
Killing with love, not relating to U,
Fists of furry, jabbing southpaw?
Stopping, staggering, "Keep circling left,"
Switchback to righty, hooking,
Overhand right to the temple,
"1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, Step towards me son,"
"FIGHT!"

It's back on, bobbing, weaving,
"He's cut! Can he go on?"
Ties him up, throwing weak body blows,
Banging it out, feelings of inner pain,
Exhaustion nearing, genocide,
Face lost to swollen pink outlines,
Ding! One more round,
pound, pound, POUND!
"He's down again!"

Oh pretty pink ponies dancing on my tummy,
"EIGHT, NINE, TEN!"
Are you my mommy?

Need Motivation?

Are you having problems with motivation? We're getting closer and closer to spring break is it beginning to be a chore just to get yourself to class every day? Did you ever wonder how much it costs you to miss a class?

Try this formula:

Fill in the blanks, based on the cost of 14 weeks in a semester.

TUITION:	\$ _____
BOOKS:	\$ _____
FEES:	\$ _____
TRANSPORTATION:	\$ _____
CLOTHING:	\$ _____
FOOD:	\$ _____
HOUSING:	\$ _____
ENTERTAINMENT:	\$ _____
OTHER (E.G. MEDICAL, INSURANCE, CHILD CARE ETC.):	\$ _____

SUBTOTAL: \$ _____

Add that to the amount you could earn working full-time in 14 weeks if you weren't in school.

TOTAL (A): \$ _____

Now, figure out how many classes you 'should' attend in one semester. That is, multiply the number of scheduled classes by 14 weeks.

TOTAL (B): \$ _____

Finally, divide TOTAL B into TOTAL A = \$ _____ This is what it costs you to miss one class...just one time.

From BECOMING A MASTER STUDENT, eighth edition.

Hops Blooms

The springtime tides
Are a glass to the eye
Of the winter weary
Southeast, sun-starved
Graveyard shift queen.
The buds are forming
The crocus stepping up
To this new sun
Cashing in, she heads home
She senses the difference
In the Spring air
And Re-considers
Maybe there is
A reason to this life.
C.G.

Beer Goggles

Death of the sober man
Birth of the drunken poet
Rage of a man
Whose words have been silent too long!
Welcome to my drunken haze of bliss
No rules, No worries
Only the soberness can bring us down
Live outside the box
Or drown yourself in a bottle of drunken delight
Life is always better through my beer goggles

sea of words

swimming through a sea of words
tiring, slowing, strength is ebbing
currents, waves, a circling shark
i dare not slow my pace
ahead, the distant shore
monks in strange garb await
energy returns, i plough onward
the shark recedes in the distance
wait! where have the monks gone?
oh. i still have two more semesters.
R

Cereal Dream

Jumping through a Fruit Loop
into a ceramic bowl
Tucans all around me
and bunnies trying to seduce
my sweet tooth.
"Follow the white rabbit"
No, I think I'll follow the birds
and indulge in my
Breakfast fantasies forever.
Lucky Charm

T's Horoscopes "The real deal"

Pisces

February, 20-March, 20

You originate from the water and it is time to get in touch with your inner self. Take a bath with someone you love. If nobody loves you, then take a bubble bath by yourself.

Aries

March, 21-April, 20

You know what you have to do this week, so you better do it. Your GPA depends on it.

Taurus

April, 21-June, 21

Don't let money be an issue this week. Splurge a little bit and treat yourself to some treats.

Gemini

June, 22-July, 21

Don't let your double personality interfere with your personal life. Just admit it, you were wrong.

Cancer

June, 22-July, 22

You, like your friend Aquarius, have gotten your noses into the wrong s_____. You better clean up or you're going to end up worse than Aquarius.

Leo

July, 23-August, 22

The lion inside you is about to come out. You can use these forces for good or evil, the choice is yours. You are compatible with Pisces this week.

Virgo

August, 23-September, 23

Your scandalous ways are getting you into trouble. You better not get caught because if you do, life is going to get a little crazy. And we don't want that to happen, do we.

Libra

September, 24-October, 22

Love is in the air for you. Just cause Valentines Day didn't go your way doesn't mean you need to bring yourself down. Finish out February with a bang and ride the wave into March.

Scorpio

October, 23-November, 22

Love is always in the air if you're a Scorpio. You know what I mean. Just remember to be careful and don't forget what you learned during National Condom Week.

Sagittarius

November, 22-December, 21

Your friends aren't what they used to be. They've changed but you're still the same. Maybe it's time that you change your ways too. It just might be for the better.

Capricorn

December, 22-January, 20

Stay away from your enemies this week. They're conspiring against you. You better get them before they get you.

Aquarius

January, 21-February, 19

Don't press your luck this week. Your adventurous expeditions have caught up with you. Stay off the drugs and if you see any cops around they're after you so you better catch the ferry and skip town.

Hands Holding Harsh Hazards

*You think, holding harshly
But it slips, and you fall grasping
But it slips continually
Within a hole*

*A hole that holds your unknown oblivion
You bash at it with purple knuckles
It looks so intricately simple
So again, this time with more elegant finesse
It sticks, but your strength falters
The burn begins, you drop
Crushing silently into a new frozen Millennium
You must catch*

The simple motion pitched, hands held, without a thought

-Yo-Yo

A REMEMBRANCE

*A glimmer of carnal embraces,
A glimpse of sensuous fondling,
Tangled bodies fluid in blissful motion.
-Greedy Climaxes
-Brazen Pleasures*

*Every now and then I reminisce,
I can close my eyes and see,
Mental pictures of orgiastic kisses
And feel,
Traces of gentle strokes across my breast
Sweat and skin glide in unison.*

*-Unadulterated Desire
-Satiated Passions
I don't regret-I won't forget
The primal yearning
The vigorous craving
We met and matched each powerful attraction.
Completion came close to perfection when time came,
to sever the journey.
We parted with copious memories
-Smiling-
With repletion and celebration I can cry out,
"I Love You!"
Not knowing your interpretation.
I am content because
-A friendship endures*

-MJB, February 2000

UAS PERSONALS

Looking for an Italian language teacher ASAP! I have materials and need someone to work with me on pronunciation and grammar two or three times a week. Per piacere, call Vita at 586-6763 or email jsvmw@uas.alaska.edu.

Please encourage UA President Hamilton to contribute one of his poems to the Whalesong. If you speak he will listen.

Wanted: New roommate to keep me up till six in the morning, must have own beer money. Contact Timi at housing.

2012 Winter Sex Games at Mosquito Lake, AK. Book your ferry reservations now.

Wanted: Students interested in forming a "Beat Poetry" club. Contact the Whalesong at 465-6434 or email jywhale@uas.alaska.edu, code name "Kind King Mind."

Live outside the box!

Wanted: Camel with two tongues.



"Only real Graduate students drink from boots." -Mountain of Flesh-

"In the McCain, I am Bush." W.W

Hey Ketchikan Crew, meet me in the tunnel, and let's SLAM.

Hey Autumn, thank you for the late night encouragement, you helped part the tides of adversity. I hate to say that you don't have a chance against me in nintendo olympics, I used to hold the world record. -E-

Wanted: Legislature trading cards, hook the Whalesong up with a few sets and we will give you guaranteed good press.